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REPORT

SUBJECT Tire Plant and Possible Rocket Engine Sounds at Dnepropetrovsk (Town plan giving location of Tire plt. brief description of facility & physical security)

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- From the Chapli section of Dnepropetrovsk, [] heard sounds during the night, which [] were probably made by rocket engines. They normally occurred between 2:00 and 4:00 a.m., in any event, always at night and never in the daytime. [] the start of the sounds [] always cut off sharply. Occasionally, [] similar sounds between 9:00 and 9:30 p.m. [] they lasted about half a minute, [] They appeared to originate somewhere west of the Chapli villa [] They did not come from the airfield south of Dnepropetrovsk.

The sound [] seemed most like that heard at Dnepropetrovsk was a low, rumbling one. [] the absence of high-frequency notes.

- The tire plant was almost entirely surrounded by a wall 10-12 feet high. [] never able to see anything significant to the north or west of the plant. From [] the southeastern area of the plant, the road bridge over the railroad could be seen, and open country to the south (see attached plan). Sometime between mid-August and mid-October, a screen about 25 feet high was erected along the northeastern corner of the tire plant area. The impression was that the screen was temporary and intended to prevent observation from the plant into the opposite area. On one occasion, [] saw a convoy of small guns being towed by trucks towards this area.

- [] nothing of note north of the road between the ramped road bridge and the plant. (See attached plan.) Nor [] any industrial buildings, tall chimneys, cooling towers, or high walls in this area. The only industrial smoke [] appeared to be traveling south-eastward over the town towards the eastern end of ulitsa Karla Marksa.

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4. [redacted] did not observe any tractors in Dnepropetrovsk, either on the roads, on the railroad, or outside any plant. [redacted] "Avtozavod" [redacted] was probably in [redacted] the destination of tractor tires from the tire plant.

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5. The postal address of the tire plant was Dnepropetrovsk 33, and its telegraphic address was probably Kauchuk.
6. The tire plant's power supply probably came from a power station located in Chapli; high-tension lines led westward from that area.
7. Below is a list of personalities at the tire plant:

a. Astafyev (fnu)

Representative of State Committee
for Chemistry. Believed to be
one step in the hierarchy below
members of the state committee. 50X1-HUM

b. Kazakevich (fnu)

Director. [redacted]

c. Lapetto (fnu)

Deputy director. Director until a
few months ago. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

d. Bakharev (fnu)

Chief engineer.

e. Smirnov (fnu)

Assistant engineer.

f. Yevdokimov (fnu)

Assistant engineer. Referred to as
"the Party member".

g. Vasilenko (fnu)

From Omsk, [redacted]

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h. Vashdayev (fnu)

Chief of security.

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i. Bogoslavskiy (fnu)

Chief of laboratory. [redacted]

j. Female (nu)

Chief of calendar line. [redacted]

1. Comments: [redacted] a town plan of Dnepropetrovsk, shows the routes [redacted] to the tire plant, landmarks en route, and the location of the tire plant.

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